Welcome Home To Your Sunshine Cathedral



A Positive Worship Experience

America's Queer Church for All

Today's Theme

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

Sunday, April 11th 2021

October 2020 Began Our 50th Church Year Long Anniversary Celebration October 1971 - 2021

Service of Gathering

*Welcome*Rev Dr Durrell Watkins & Rev Dr Robert Griffin

Announcements
Rev Kevin Tisdol

Please rise as you are able.

Opening Affirmation

Sunshine Cathedral is a different kind of church where the past is past and the future has infinite possibilities.

The Call to Worship

This is the day our God has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Service of Praise

Processional Hymn

Walking in Sunlight, all of My Journey

Walking in sunlight all of my journey, over the mountains, thought the deep vale:

Jesus has said, 'I'll never forsake thee,' promise divine that never can fail.

Heavenly sunlight, heavenly sunlight, flooding my soul with gory divine;

hallelujah! I am rejoicing, singing praises, Jesus is mine.

Trials around me, troubles above me never conceal my comfort and guide;

Christ is my joy in whom is no sadness; ever I'm walking at Jesus' side.

Heavenly sunlight, heavenly sunlight, flooding my soul with gory divine;

hallelujah! I am rejoicing, singing praises, Jesus is mine.

In the bright sunlight, ever rejoicing, pressing my way to visions of love:

Singing Christ's praises gladly I'm walking, walking in sunlight, light from above.

Heavenly sunlight, heavenly sunlight, flooding my soul with gory divine:

hallelujah! I am rejoicing, singing praises, Jesus is mine

Opening Prayer Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Spirit of life,

we come together during this season of Eastertide to rejoice in the ongoing song of life that is within us and around us.

In this season of renewal, of life bursting into bloom or song.

remind us that we have an inner beauty, reflecting the image of your creative power.

Spirit of Resurrection, remind us of the power of hope to triumph over fear.

the power of love to prevail over the horrors of hate, the potential for peace to be victorious over hostility.

We pray for all that is still possible, but not yet fulfilled...

Spirit of life, as we feel you flowing and pulsing within, we pray for a courageous and joyous faith, empowering us to become our finest and truest selves, empowering us to see your image in our neighbors, empowering us to participate with you in the creation of a new time of life,

in which love, justice, beauty and peace are abundantly available to all.

In faith we pray.

Amen.

Sung Response

Always With Me

Always with me! I can never stray beyond God's tender care, for our God is omnipresent, here and there and everywhere.

Yes, everywhere, and everywhere, here and there and everywhere.

Please be seated.

Service of Proclamation

The Wisdom of Oprah Winfrey Rev Kevin Tisdol

"The key to realizing a dream is to focus not on success but significance, and then even the small steps and little victories along your path will take on greater meaning."

In these human words, God's voice is heard.

Thanks be to God.

The Wisdom of a Chinese Proverb
Rev Kevin Tisdol

"To get through the hardest journey we need take only one step at a time, but we must keep on stepping."
In these human words, God's voice is heard.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able.

Sung Response

Now the Green Blade Rises

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth for many days has lain.

Love lives again, that with the dead has been: Love is come again like wheat that rises green.

The Gospel According to Luke (24.13-24, 28-35) Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Peter...looked in the tomb and saw a few grave clothes, that's all. He walked away puzzled, shaking his head.

That same day two of them were walking to the village Emmaus, about seven miles out of Jerusalem. They were deep in conversation, going over all these things that had happened. In the middle of their talk and questions, Jesus came up and walked along with them. But they were not able to recognize who he was.

He asked, "What's this you're discussing so intently as you walk along?"

They just stood there, long-faced, like they had lost their best friend. Then one of them, his name was Cleopas, said, "Are you the only one in Jerusalem who hasn't heard what's happened during the last few days?"

He said, "What has happened?"

They said, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene. He was a man of God, a prophet, dynamic in work and word, blessed by both God and all the people. Then [he was betrayed, taken into custody, and executed]! And we had our hopes up that he was the One, the One about to deliver Israel. And it is now the third day since it happened. But now some of our women have completely confused us. Early this morning they were at the tomb and couldn't find his body. They came back with the story that they had seen a vision of angels who said he was alive. Some of our friends went off to the tomb to check and found it empty just as the women said, but they didn't see Jesus."

They came to the edge of the village where they were headed. He acted as if he were going on but they pressed him: "Stay and have supper with us. It's nearly evening; the day is done." So he went in with them. And here is what happened: He sat down at the table with them. Taking the bread, he blessed and broke and gave it to them. At that moment, open-eyed, wide-eyed, they recognized him. And then he disappeared.

They didn't waste a minute. They were up and on their way back to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and their friends gathered together, talking away: "It's really happened! The Master has been raised up...!"

Then the two went over everything that happened on the road and how they recognized him when he broke the bread.

In these human words, God's voice is heard. Thanks be to God.

All: Amen.

Prayer Rev Kevin Tisdol One: May our spiritual journeys lead us to moments of clarity, empowerment, and renewed hope.

Please be seated.

The Anthem One Step

By Richard Jr Maltby and David Shire Performed By Sara Burns and Durrell Watkins

HomilyGuess Who's Coming to Dinner
Rev Dr Durrell Watkins, Senior Minister

Song of Response

Please rise as you are able.

Ac-Cent-Tchu-Ate the Positive

You've got to ac-cent-u-ate the positive, e-lim-inate the negative, latch on to the affirmative, don't mess with Mister In-between.

You've got to spread joy up to the maximum, bring gloom down to the minimum, have faith or pandemonium li'ble to walk upon the scene.

We better ac-cent-u-ate the positive, e-lim-inate the negative, latch on to the affirmative, don't mess with Missus In-between.

No. don't mess with Missus In-between.

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Sign of Peace

I Come to the Garden Alone

You speak and the sound of your voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing; and the melody that you give to me within my heart is ringing.

And you walk with me, and you talk with me, and you tell me I am your own, and the joy we share we as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

Service of Sacraments

Sacrament of Sharing (Tithes & Offerings)
Rev Dr Robert Griffin

Stewardship Thought

"Pure love is a willingness to give without a thought of receiving anything in return." Peace Pilgrim

Offering Prayer

Divine Love, through me, blesses and multiplies all that I have, all that I give, and all that I receive. Thank you, God. Amen.

Offering Music

By Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein

Arranged and Performed by Edwin Neimann

Rise as you are able.

Doxology

O God Beyond All Praising

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; For we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Sacrament of Hospitality

Eucharistic Intentions

Rev Dr Robert Griffin

We Remember

Sandy Bell Real Coté 04/11/1992 Don Shaw 04/14/1990 Alberto Estrella 04/14/1994 04/16/1995

Rainbow Candle I & II are Lit Today

In Memory of Len Larson Al Gould

by Marc Dickerman

Intercessions Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Bless Us All

Bless us all who gather here
The loving family I hold dear
No place on Earth compares with home
And every path will bring me back from where I roam

Bless us all, that as we live We always comfort and forgive We have so much that we can share With those in need we see around us everywhere

Let us always love each other
Lead us to the light
Let us hear the voice of reason
Singing in the night
Let us run from anger
And catch us when we fall
Teach us in our dreams
And please, yes please bless us one and all

Bless us all with playful years
With noisy games and joyful tears
We reach for you and we stand tall
And in our prayers and dreams we ask you
Bless us all
We reach for you and we stand tall
And in our prayers and dreams we ask you
Bless us all.

One:Spirit of Community, in which we share and find strength and common purpose, we turn our minds and hearts toward one another seeking to bring into our circles of concern all who need our love and support: those who are ill, those who are in pain, either in body or in spirit, those who have lonely, those who have been wronged. We call to mind leaders of nations. We seek to bless our Sunshine Cathedral and all who have requested our prayers. We remember also our (+) dearly departed, thankful that they live on in our hearts and love. We are part of a web of life that makes us one with all humanity, one with all the universe. We are grateful for the miracle of consciousness that we share, the consciousness that gives us the power to remember, to love, to care. And with people all over the world we pray —

All: May peace prevail on earth.

These prayers we offer in the spirit of Jesus, son of Mary, and as he did we continue to pray:

Model Praver

Creator which art in heaven, hallowed be thy names. Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And leave us not in temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin-dom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

The Lord's Supper Rev Dr Robert Griffin

Invitation to Communion Rev Dr Anne Atwell

One: These are the gifts of God for all the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Communion is Shared

Communion Songs

I Love Myself the Way I Am

I love myself the way I am, there's nothing I need to change. I'll always be the perfect me, there's nothing to rearrange. I'm beautiful and capable of being the best me I can; and I love myself just the way I am.

I love you, the way you are, there's nothing you need to do. When I feel the love inside, it's easy to love you. Behind your fears, your rage and tears, I see your shining star, and I love you just the way you are.

I love the world the way it is, 'cause I can clearly see that all the things I judge are done by people just like me. So 'til the birth of peace on earth that only love bring, I'll help it grow by loving everything.

I love myself the way I am, and still I want to grow, but change outside can only come when deep inside I know: I'm beautiful and capable of being the best me I can; and I love myself just the way I am.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev Kevin Tisdol

Please rise as you are able.

The Prayer of Protection

The light of God surrounds us; the love of God enfolds us. The power of God protects us; the presence of God watches over us. Wherever we are, God is.

Benediction

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

Final Song

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Commissioning

One: Our worship has ended. Let our service begin! All: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Barbara Ramcharitar

SILENT HELPERS PRAYER MINISTRY

Please hold these in the power of loving prayer:

Centering Thought:

"Through the art of affirmative prayer the limitless resources of the Spirit are at my command. The power of the Infinite is at my disposal." Ernest Holmes

We pray for the following ~

The Colon-Arroyo family; Mayra G; Jamie; Myriam C.; Bud; Lilliana P.; Mark; Marc; Marion; Anne K. (of blessed memory); John A.; Nancy; Lynn; Emily & Brett; Tara & Sam; MLF; Anita; Carol W.; Ann; Champion; Melody; CJ; Shawna; Eddie; Von; Bill; Rick; Tim; Melissa; Giles N.; Paul R.; Scott Y.; Paul F. (of blessed memory); medical practitioners; those who have tested positive for COVID19; Those waiting to receive vaccinations; those in nursing care and assisted living facilities; LGBTQ+communities; Troy P.; Global Justice Institute; DSFI; the Sunshine Cathedral;

LET US PRAY

A Love enfolds us and will not let us go.

It cannot abandon or lose us.

It is forever part of us. We are one with It.

This Love has given birth to the Cosmos and all that is within it.

This Love is the Substance of our lives, the Source of our being.

Let us now trust this Love, and allow the blessings It seeks to bestow to now flow abundantly into our lives and the lives of those we hold near and dear to us. Miracles are possible. They are now being made manifest.

And so it is.

REMEMBER:

Prayers can be submitted via Sunshine Cathedral.org or by emailing any SC clergyperson.

You can hear a prayer at anytime by calling 954.462.2004 (press 6)

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SunBurst News

SUNSHINE CATHEDRAL A POP UP VACCINATION SITE

– April 17 ONLY, from 9 am to 3 pm, vaccinations will be given on the campus of Sunshine Cathedral. This free and convenient service is meant to especially help underserved populations. Of course, all are welcome. Hundreds of vaccinations will be available on that day and appointments are required. To make an appointment to be vaccinated, please visit sunshinecathedral.org

KEEP IT COVERED

– Sunshine Cathedral asks that you continue to reserve your seat at Sunshinecathedral.org if you wish to worship onsite, and we insist that you wear a mask at all times while you are here. Hopefully we are in the last months of needing these protocols, but for the present time, we will continue to follow these guidelines to keep everyone safe.

RIP PAUL FASANA – Paul Fasana (donor of the double door windows at the entrance of the Lawrence/Lewis Center for Worship and the Arts) was a major supporter of the Sunshine Cathedral. His husband, Dr. Bob Graham, was a pioneering member of the Sunshine Cathedral Foundation's Board of Governors and when Dr. Graham died, Paul filled his seat on the Board and served faithfully for the rest of his life. Paul was a leader and contributor to the Sunshine Cathedral Memorial Chapel and Columbarium and also a patron of the building which bears his name, the Graham/Fasana Center. Paul was a librarian and archivist, as well as a philanthropist. Most importantly, Paul Fasana was a good person with a loving heart and he will be missed. Let light perpetual shine upon him.

ECUMENISM

- Sunshine Cathedral is affiliated with the International Council of Community Churches (which is a member of the World and National Councils of Churches), Metropolitan Community Churches, the Global Justice Institute (at MCC New York), the Divine Science Federation (of which our senior minister is president), and BOLD Justice (a Broward County network of churches working together with government and community leaders for a kinder and more just life for all in our county). In relationship and partnership we can achieve so much.

7 DAY PER WEEK CHURCH

– Join us Sundays at 9 am or 10:30 am for worship on site (with reservations and masks) or online (10:30 am on Facebook or YouTube). Join us Mondays – Saturdays at Noon (Eastern) for Midday Prayer (Facebook live and on demand). Join us Monday evenings (6 pm Eastern, Facebook live or on demand) for Christians & Cocktails. Join us Wednesdays at 6 pm Eastern (Facebook live or on demand) for Share in the Chair. Ask about our Pantry Food Sharing ministry on Wednesdays. Also ask about A Course in Miracles and our presence in Second Life. There are also various Recovery groups that meet on campus (with pandemic protocols). Sunshine Cathedral remains your 7 Day Per Week church.

HOUT TV

- Happening Out TV produces It's Happening Out (weekly), Gay Town Hall (weekly), Sunshine Cathedral Sunday Worship (weekly), and Queer News Tonight (weeknights) Happening Out Television Network is a streaming network that produces LGBTQ+ themed news and social programming. Look for Happening Out TV on Facebook and YouTube. The Network studio is now on the campus of the Sunshine Cathedral.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK April 13: Frederick Bailes (1889-1970)

- Was a medical student from New Zealand. He had to drop out of medical school because he was diagnosed with diabetes (at the time considered to be untreatable). He found the writings of Thomas Troward and with the help of spiritual principles, found himself cured of his diabetes. He returned to medical school. He found that encouraging his patients made a noticeable difference in their recovery. He went on to become a Religious Science minister and writer. His books include Your Mind Can Heal You and Hidden Power for Human Problems. He wrote, "Our world will change as our ideas concerning ourselves change. So never be afraid to think highly of your value."

April 14: Origen (185-254)

- A theologian in the early church. He taught universal salvation (no one is ultimately rejected by God). He believed that any idea of eternal damnation was unworthy of a good God, the God Jesus knew and shared. He thought only an insane deity would punish someone for all eternity, and he did not believe God to be insane. He allowed for biblical literalism for those "at that level" of understanding, but encouraged people to seek "higher" understandings of scripture.

April 17: Lillian DeWaters (1883 - 1964)

-A Christian Scientist who expanded into broader New Thought. She was known as a spiritual healer. She lectured widely and gave private instruction at the Astor Hotel in NYC. She wrote over 40 books on spirituality. She encouraged: "Remember that some feet will tread all heights now unattained. Why not thine own? Press on! Achieve! Your dominion is ever within thee, waiting your command to set you free."

God is Within

by George Stuart, a retired minister from Australia living in Canada (ProgressiveChristianity.org)

Now, my theological imagination includes the idea of God as the Divine Energizing Force which is present in everything and everybody; always has been and always will be... This Divine Energizing Force is inherent, an aspect that is an inseparable dimension of everything and everyone, including you and me. So for me, God is not a separate being but an inseparable feature of me and you. God is part of who I am and I am part of who God is. God is in

me and I am in God ...

Everything that exists had a sacred dimension for Jesus. We can learn godly things from the ordinary. God is never absent, but always present in all things...

The way Jesus lived, his actions and his deeds show me that he was 'God saturated', 'God filled'; that he was in God and God was in him. I imagine this as God within. Jesus, and the way he lived, is an excellent example of what a human life looks like when we cooperate fully with God Within. I believe we can imagine this as God Within us. Can we be 'God saturated? I believe so.

God is love and when we love we manifest God. We expose God in our midst. We are profoundly blessed to be part of this experience.

We are thankful that, at times in our lives, we are prompted to be forgiving. We are prompted to be generous. We are prompted to serve others. We are prompted to be considerate and kind. We are prompted to be good. From time to time we all experience these promptings. Where do they come from? Let us imagine that these promptings are God within us...

So we affirm our commitment to be kind.

Are willing to be a gift of love and generosity to others? Can we be thankful for these intentions and will we work hard to make them happen?

Can we seek the way of the Spirit of Life and Love? I believe Jesus shows us that way.

When we cooperate with the good spirit within us, what I call God Within, human virtue is the result. I believe this good spirit is what makes us human; is what challenges us to want to love and care for each other and for all that is around us; is what prompts us to be honest and responsible; is what joins us with others in our efforts to build a better world.

I relate to the humanity of Jesus because I can see what a human being can do and be. If he has special qualities that I do not share, then, for me, he is not one of us. If he is God, then for me, he is not one of us. If he is human, I can relate to him. For me, he is then one of us. God is in him and he is in God just like all of us. He had a divine dimension the same as we have.

I have been taught to glorify Jesus. I want to acknowledge him as my mentor, teacher and guide.

I have been taught to pray to Jesus. In my imagination, I wish to pray with him.

I believe the Cross of Jesus defines him and his message. The Cross was inevitable, given the way he lived and what he taught. The possibility of suffering and conflict did not distract him from what he believed was his mission in life. Suffering and conflict were certainly not foreign experiences for him. The gospel stories tell us that Jesus struggled; he was tempted to change course; he sweated blood in his decision making; he thought at one stage that God had abandoned him. Yet, he never let go of his personal dignity, his strength of purpose, his integrity, his willingness to take responsibility for his actions, his will to love and forgive others, right to the very end. This end of his life shows me what a human being can endure and can achieve.

Jesus was betrayed, but he loved his betrayer. His disciples all ran away and left him, but he loved each one

Jesus was denied, but he loved his denier.
Jesus was falsely accused, but he loved his accusers.
He was abused, but he loved his abusers.
Jesus was cursed, but he loved those who cursed him.
His mother grieved for him, and he loved her.
Jesus was killed, but he loved his killers.

What amazing inspiration. What intense humanity. What provocative challenge. What a man!

Sunshine Cathedral Food Pantry Open every Wednesday from

Open every Wednesday from 11AM – ?? or by appointment

No ID required. No income verification. No questions. No judgment.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact Rev. Anne 954-462-2004 ext. 208

To make a donation to the Sunshine Cathedral Food Sharing Program, check out our website sunshinecathedral.org and click on the Food Sharing tab.

Sunshine Cathedral Financial Information

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Text to Give - 954.399.7333

Financial Data Snapshot from 4 April

Weekly Generosity Income Needed \$10,797.56 Generosity Income Received \$11,251.24 Our Abundance and/or (Need) \$453.68 Per Capita Giving \$26.44

Worship Services 296
Online Virtual Resourcing 124,467
Food Shairing 528

Detailed information located at SunshineCathedral.org



Sunshine Cathedral Online Schedule

Sunday Sunshine Cathedral Facebook Live 10:30AM/ET - Sunday Worship

Monday - Saturday: Sunshine Cathedral Facebook Live Noon/ET - Midday Prayers

Monday Sunshine Cathedral Facebook Live 6PM/ET - 6:30PM/ET - Christians & Cocktails

Wednesday
Sunshine Cathedral Share in the Chair Facebook
Live - 6PM/ET - 6:30PM/ET

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Monthly Collection Programs

1st Sunday - Loaves & Fishes: Food Collection

3rd Sunday - Clothing Collection (For BG Hospital & Homeless)

Due to limited storage space, please bring items on designated Sundays only.

Sunshine Cathedral is not liable for any vehicle incident, including acts of nature, while attending any events.

Sunshine Cathedral

Two Sunday morning services 9:00am & 10:30am (LIVE BROADCAST) Sunday 5:00pm in Second Life

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